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Dear Examiner Timblin:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed 17 May 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the instant application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper, and Applicant's Remarks begin on page 5. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the opportunity to file an informal Reply and for the telephonic interview of 12 September. An Applicant's Interview Summary is filed along with this Reply as required under MPEP §713.04. This filing includes a Request for Extension of Time, the fees being paid electronically.

> Respectfully submitted, /Sherman D. Pernia/

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